

With the Trolley and the Argument

Drink and Poverty

By JOHN W. WADMAN.

Charles Dickens, the immortal authority on the suffering condition of the poor, has pathetically pointed out how the homes of wretchedness and poverty lead their inmates to drink and crime, while the better the homes in the way of food and clothing and comfort, the less there is of drinking and crime. This is true and yet it is not equally true that the less drinking there is "the better the homes in the way of food and clothing and comfort." No sane man at the present day with so much enlightenment in regard to the nature of strong drink and the press publicity in regard to the moral, social and economical effects of the same, can doubt for a moment that the liquor traffic is constantly engaged in robbing homes of food, clothing and comfort.

The Liquor Dealers' Journal of Chicago, Ill., frequently publishes articles with suggestions along lines of social reform. The low-down dives and cheap disreputable saloons are denounced. All liquor dealers and saloonkeepers are exhorted to keep their places of business attractive and morally clean. The writers claim to see the handwriting on the wall. The traffic is doomed, they predict, but in order to delay the day of judgment or rather its sentence of entire prohibition and annihilation of the same, efforts should be made to rescue the traffic from its moral associations and redeem its badly besmirched reputation.

In a recent issue appears an ingenious article entitled "Drink and Poverty," rich in considerable raw material, but faithfully and somewhat skilfully whittled into shape, so as to serve a purpose in a leading game. The writer labors to prove that poverty is the cause and not the effect of drink. He contends most earnestly that poverty and drunkenness are the result of an economical condition. It is the man out of employment who takes to drink, while the drink is rarely the cause of his losing a job.

Take the poverty now prevailing in Pennsylvania, the writer goes on to say: It is more widespread than it has been for years. Thousands of idle men are parading the streets of Pittsburgh with appealing signs of mental dejection in their sad drawn faces. Speak with them and you will discover that they are hungry for food, shivering with cold and with nothing to do. They will readily tell you that they are willing to work at anything for something to eat and a bit of fire for warmth. And what is the cause? Lack of employment, the writer alleges. It has been, indeed, for a long time admitted by economists and philanthropists that "out of a job" is not only the great cause of poverty but that which drives men to drink. I quote verbatim:

But in reply it may be said that while temperance advocates are ready to admit that this is a distress and suffering, accompanied by mental dejection, have been caused in thousands of cases, without doubt, by "the loss of a job," still, on the other hand, let it be also stated and published abroad to the eternal shame of the liquor men, that their traffic has ever stood ready to take the last penny from the pockets of these same unfortunates whose scanty coin should have gone for food and clothing, not only for themselves, but for those helplessly dependent upon them as well. Hence, we have here in this very same article a naive confession that the liquor traffic is engaged in the heartless, brutal work of robbing the poor and dejected of their last and only visible means of support.

Take an example. Not many moons ago the police record of Honolulu contained this simple statement made as the result of a post-mortem: "Ben Kane, 38, died today of alcoholism."

Behind this memorandum, however, was a story which, if told in all its heartrending details, would furnish material for a work of settlement workers. The dead man had formerly been a fisherman, then a sailor, then a stevedore, then an idler. Why? The drink had long ago gotten him. Before his marriage, his cups attracted him. The girl he wedded belonged to a good family, attended Kamehameha Seminary for some years. Six little children were born to them, four dying in infancy and one of the survivors an imbecile. Things went from bad to worse as the drink habit grew. Losing one job after another, naturally poor Ben got more and more disheartened, discouraged and took to drink more heavily than ever whenever he could manage to get a little cash.

For some months before his death, he and his wife had been earning a meager living by shell fishing near the beach road and living in a hovel not fit for hogs. One morning early his poor wife went out alone. Ben was too sick to go along. When she returned she found him dead. The post-mortem showed that too much alcohol and too little food was the cause. Hence the record in the blotter: "Ben Kane, 38, died today of alcoholism."

We now inquire, is this an exceptional case? Ask the police. Ask the settlement workers. Search the records. Am I oversteering the case when I say that scores upon scores, among all classes, are down and out because of booze? True, there may be those who are driven to drink because of poverty or by reason of domestic troubles or physical ill health, but the vast majority drop into this death trap for other reasons and it is the saloons which furnish the liquor for money which should be spent for

"food, clothing and comfort," fattening like harpies upon their helpless prey. Moreover, if the billions spent, nay, wasted, yes, worse than wasted in the liquor traffic were invested in productive enterprises, what opportunities for employment on the part of the poor might be created.

The Liquor Journal, therefore, makes out a sorry case, and if the editors would accept one little suggestion on the part of the writer, then he would like to offer this one: If your interest in the poor and despondent of Pittsburgh and other places is so deep and real, why not open the columns of your journal for a general subscription among your patrons by way of aiding these unfortunate brothers and put your own contribution at the head of the list?

HARD DRINKERS CURED BY BILLY SUNDAY'S TALKS

The results of Billy Sunday's campaigns are exciting considerable comment in the mainland papers. The transformation of drinking men into Christian workers has become the inevitable trail left behind as the evangelist goes into a wet territory armed with his "booze" sermon.

The Sunday School Times says: "Billy Sunday attacks the liquor business in the most aggressive, bold, and definite manner of any man I have heard in years. Many people are aroused to action only when a speaker hits an evil hard, then jumps on it and literally plunders it with argument and invective and impassioned prayer. Billy Sunday makes the people feel that the liquor traffic is the worst crime of our civilization. Some of them may cool off, but many stick, and they furnish good fighters in the ranks of any organization that is making an effective and aggressive fight against the saloon."

"When Billy Sunday preached his famous 'Booze' sermon twice on Sunday in Philadelphia, with an American flag in his hands over the pulpit, and a group of small boys on the platform as examples of the 'raw material' of the saloon, two successive audiences of 15,000 men stood up to promise by the help of God to vote for prohibition. As he says in his own emphatic way: 'I am the sworn, eternal, and uncompromising enemy of the liquor traffic. I have been, and will go on, fighting that damnable, dirty, rotten business with all the power at my command.'"

BLIND FANNY CROSBY WROTE 8000 HYMNS

Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer who died in February of this year, was the author of 8000 hymns which have been sung in the Protestant churches throughout the world. So numerous had become her contributions to gospel songs that the publishers used as many as 200 pen-names in order to make it appear that the hymns were written by other authors. Some of the best-known of Miss Crosby's hymns are: "Saved by Grace," "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," "Rescue the Perishing," "I am Thine, O Lord," "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," "I Shall See Him Face to Face," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" to name a few.

The Philadelphia Record paid a tribute to the 95-year-old hymn writer in the words: "Miss Crosby expressed universal religious emotion in fluent and rhythmic verse that found an echo in millions of hearts, and while no person can rise to poetic heights as often as she wrote a hymn, she had taste and a sense of melody, as well as piety, and many of her spiritual songs are permanent and valuable additions to religious literature."

BILLY SUNDAY "CONSIDERING."

According to a personal letter from Billy Sunday to Rev. W. H. Fry, the great evangelist is considering the invitation of Honolulu churches to conduct a series of meetings here this summer.

A LENTEN SERMON.

Tomorrow night at St. Andrew's cathedral Bishop Restarick will continue his Lenten series of sermons. The subject will be "What is the Creed?" The united cathedral choir will sing the choral service.

MIRACLES OF JESUS.

"He touched her hand and the fever left her and she rose and ministered unto Him." This text is selected by Mr. Bundy for his subject Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock at K. of P. hall. The lecture is to be given under the auspices of the Associated Bible Students and is entirely free. No collection will be taken.

Buddhists of Hawaii to Erect Great Temple; Island Japanese Contribute



Proposed Buddhist Temple of Honolulu, which is to be finest in the Occident.

To erect a \$90,000 Buddhist temple on the Fort street premises of the Hongwanji Buddhist Mission, which will surpass all previous efforts at temple building, is the plan of local Japanese Buddhists.

The temple as designed is to be the finest of its kind in the Occident. The walls are to be of concrete with due consideration for western architecture. A large brass dome hung with bells will make it a landmark in Honolulu when completed. The work of construction will begin in July.

"The question of raising funds has been solved," says Yemio Imamura, bishop of Honolulu, who, through an interpreter, explained the plans to the Star-Bulletin yesterday. One-third of the Japanese in Hawaii, or about 10,000, belonging to our mission. Each has promised to contribute 25 cents a month for the temple which will total \$30,000 a year. Thus our temple will be completed within three years at the most."

There is to be a large assembly on the second floor from the ground while the top floor will be devoted to libraries, classrooms and offices. Provision will also be made for the Young Men's Buddhist Association, and for the Buddhist Sunday school which now has 700 members.

The headquarters of Japanese Buddhism is in Kyoto. Count Otani who was lord high abbot until last year is now in India collecting relics and records of early Buddhism.

Yemio Imamura and Ruseka Tanoda of the local mission are anxious to correct the idea prevalent that their faith is superstitious idolatry. They claim to stand for a universal brotherhood of love, and prophesy the amalgamation of three great religions—Christianity, Buddhism and Confucianism.

G. U. NOTES

It is announced that the Religious Education Committee of Central Union church will hold its first educational council on April 9. Further information as to program will be given later.

At 7:30 on next Wednesday evening a notable meeting will be held in the Parish House of Central Union church under the auspices of the Child Welfare Committee. Mrs. A. L. Andrews, president of the Women's Society, will preside. The subject of the evening will be "The Welfare of Our Children." Dr. Arthur F. Jackson, Hon. William L. Whitney and Dr. Scudder will speak. Every one interested in this important subject is cordially invited to be present.

Under the auspices of the Women's Society of Central Union church, Miss Evelyn MacDougal, assisted by several local musicians, will repeat "Paravai" at the church service Palm Sunday (March 28). The women of the church have arranged this evening to help raise the Ruth Scudder Memorial Scholarship Fund. Admission is entirely free, but there will be an opportunity at the time the collection is taken for any who so desire to contribute to this fund. A cordial invitation is extended to all to listen to this beautiful Lenten story and to hear the exquisite accompanying music.

Capt. Horace C. Chapman, for more than 25 years proprietor of the Bangor House, Bangor, Me., one of the best known hotel men of New England, died Friday after an illness of about a week, following a long period of ill-health.

The British Board of Trade completed arrangements whereby all persons employed in the British merchant marine will be compensated for injuries resulting from hostilities.

Services in Honolulu's Churches

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

Rev. Doremus Scudder, D. D., minister.

Rev. Amos A. Ebersole, associate minister.

9 a. m., teachers' training class, Mr. C. T. Fitts, leader.

9:15 a. m., Bible school, Mr. V. MacCaughy, superintendent.

10 a. m., adult class, Dr. S. D. Barnes, leader.

10 a. m., Bible class for young men and women, meeting in Kiloahana building.

11 a. m., morning worship. Sermon by Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, D. D., of Kyoto.

11:30 a. m., spiritual movements in Modern Japan.

6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor meeting.

7:30 p. m., medical work in missions.

7:30 p. m., evening service. Address by Dr. Gulick, "The American Japanese Problem and Its Solution."

A cordial invitation to these services extended to all, especially to strangers and visitors in town.

The morning and evening programs at Central Union Church this Sunday will be as follows:

Morning Worship.

Organ prelude—Cradle Song....Grieg

Doxology.

Lord's Prayer.

Responsive reading....

Selection 19, Part I, Psalm 29

The Gloria.

Antiphon—"Teach Me, O Lord"....

Attwood

Pastoral Prayer.

Response—"Hear Our Prayer," Gilbert

Offertory solo—"O Jesus Thou Art Standing"....Geibel

Mrs. C. B. Brown

Prayer of Consecration.

Hymn 33.

Sermon—"Spiritual Movements in Modern Japan"....

Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, D. D., Kyoto

Hymn 147, stanzas 1, 5, and 6.

Benediction.

Organ Postlude—Recessional. Knicker

Organ Postlude—Nocturne....Schnecker

Antiphon—"Lift Up Your Heads"....

Taylor

The Scriptures—Psalm 93.

Offertory (organ solo)—Adagio....

Beethoven

Prayer of Consecration.

Hymn 83.

Address—"The American Japanese Problem and Its Solution"....

Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, D. D., Kyoto

Hymn 383.

Benediction.

Organ postlude—Nocturne....Faules

A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to all; especially to strangers and visitors in town.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Temporarily meeting in the old Y. M. C. A. building, Hotel and Alakea streets.

David Cary Peters, minister, residence Sixth avenue, Kaimuki; telephone 3797. Office hours at the church 12:30-2:00 every day except Saturday and Sunday.

The new building which has been for several months under course of construction, is finished, and ready for the furniture. Though the furniture has been ordered for several months it has not arrived yet, but is coming in a little at a time and will be installed as rapidly as it arrives.

It is hoped that the church can move into its new home early in next month but there is nothing certain about it. For the time being all the activities of the church will be continued in the old Y. M. C. A. building.

Hours of service—Bible school, Sunday morning, 9:45, and morning sermon at 11. Y. P. S. C. E. in the evening at 6:30 and evening sermon at 7:30. Midweek meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The mid-

EARLY NOTICES FOR CHURCHES REQUESTED

Owing to the growing number of churches and religious institutions which desire to be represented on the special page devoted to churches each Saturday, and the consequent larger amount of preparation necessary, the Star-Bulletin finds it necessary to request that notices be sent earlier in the week. It has been customary to receive notices up to Friday evening, but it is now desired to have all such matter in on Thursday evening.

Pastors and other church officers who cannot at times give in advance are requested to send in a note with information as to when their programs will be ready. Address all communications, "Church Page News, Star-Bulletin." Cooperation will secure the best results and insure the accurate publication of church news and notes.

week meetings deal especially with the problems of the psychology of the Christian soul and with the deeper phases of Christian experience. All these meetings are open to the public.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner Beretania and Victoria streets. Edwin E. Brace, pastor. The regular Sunday services are as follows:

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Public worship at 11:00 a. m.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school, 9:45; Mrs. O. H. Walker, superintendent. Classes for all. Good music. A warm welcome to everybody.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor.

Epworth League will meet in the chapel at 6:30. A special invitation is extended to all the young people of the church and congregation.

Evening service 7:30. Sermon by the pastor.

There will be special music at both morning and evening service.

Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all the services and privileges of our church. If you have come to the city to remain and have no church home, make one with us. If you have come for a few weeks' visit and have no other preference, come and visit us.

KALIHU UNION CHURCH

King street, between Gulick avenue and Kamehameha fourth road, Rev. Horace W. Chamberlain, minister.

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning service, 11:15 a. m.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

Junior C. E., Wednesday, 3 p. m.

Senior C. E., Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday morning Mr. Chamberlain will speak from the subject "The First Deacons." The new parsonage will be completed and ready for occupancy in a few days, the minister will meet the members of the church after the morning service to arrange for the opening of the new building.

The evening subject for discourse will be "The Accountable Time." There will be a short prayer, praise and testimony meeting after the sermon. The Oahu Young People's Union will hold a convention in the church building Friday, March 26. All members of the Kalihui Union C. E. are urged to be present.

Children not attending elsewhere are invited to make the Bible school

AMERICAN CHURCHES INCREASE MEMBERSHIP 700,000 IN 1914

The church statistics of 1914, prepared by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, shows the total membership in American churches to be 38,708,143, or three-quarters of a million more than the year 1913.

All the larger denominations share in the increase. Methodists head the list of Protestant churches with gains of 231,460; following them are Baptists, 122,125; Lutherans, 56,248; Presbyterians, 56,019; Eastern Orthodox churches, 36,500; German Evangelical synod, representing the state church of Prussia, 29,215; Protestant Episcopal, 28,644. The Roman Catholic gains are given as 136,850.

Further statements of the press service of the Federal Council are: "The Protestant Episcopal church has crossed the million line, having gained 86,468 since 1910, and over 300,000 since 1900."

"The Roman Catholic church has gained nearly a million and a quarter since 1910 and more than five and a half millions since 1900."

"The Methodist Episcopal church, the second largest denomination, gained 187,487 in 1914, and nearly 700,000 since 1900."

"The 30 churches constituting the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America report, as will be seen, nearly 17,500,000 members, somewhat less than half of the aggregate

for all denominations, with 100,000 ministers and nearly 130,000 churches. These bodies have a net increase of over 500,000 members, or more than two-thirds of the entire increase of all bodies.

"There are nine denominations which have a million and upward: the Roman Catholic, 13,794,637; the Methodist Episcopal, 3,603,265; the Southern Baptist, 2,582,917; the National Baptist (colored), 2,018,868; the Methodist Episcopal, South, 2,005,707; the Presbyterian, Northern, 1,442,498; the Disciples of Christ, 1,363,163; the Northern Baptist Convention, 1,323,321; and the Protestant Episcopal, 1,015,232. These seven denominations aggregate over 29,000,000 members, or more than three-fourths of the entire aggregate of the 170 religious bodies."

"The effects on church membership of the European war in narrowing stream of immigration were probably quite small, as only the last six months of the year were involved. The emigration of men to take part in the great conflict would not be a very large factor, for the same reason, the German bodies—Lutheran, Reformed and the representatives of the Prussian State church—all show unusual gains for 1914. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic gains are quite small."

"The total increase of ministers was 3233, which is, unusually large, while the total increase of churches was 1441, which is unusually small."

JAPANESE Y. M. C. A. TO EXTEND WORK, SAYS SECRETARY

Japanese Y. M. C. A. work will be extended during the coming year according to the report of Secretary B. M. Matsuzawa. The report shows an increase of membership from 200 to 300 for the past year, and also an increase in financial support from \$985 to \$1215.

The educational department has been successful. The night school is well attended and the library of the association is well patronized by the young Japanese. Lloyd R. Kilham has been in charge of the social work and Bible classes.

The work done is shown by the report: "In 1913 our budget was \$1700. During the past year we have raised and expended \$1312. The central association has paid salaries and rent and the remaining amount was contributed by the Japanese young men. During the next year we hope to raise \$2340 from the Japanese community for the support of our work."

"The work at Alakea wharf has continued to grow. During the past 12 months we have met 68 boats. More than 5000 guide maps of the city have been given out and 700 inquiries have been answered. We not only serve the Japanese people, but many tourists who stop in Honolulu from the Orient."

of this church, their Sunday school. Come and bring a friend.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF PEACE, FORT STREET.

(Rev. Fr. Libert, Bishop of Zeugma; R. F. Maximin, Provinc.)

Sundays—6 a. m., mass with sermon in Portuguese; 7 a. m.—8 a. m., mass;

9 a. m., children's mass with sermon in English; 10:30 a. m., high mass with sermon in Hawaiian; 11:30, catechism in Hawaiian; 2 p. m., sodality meeting; 7 p. m., sermon in Portuguese; benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Weekdays—Masses at 6, 6:30 and 7 a. m.

During Lent—Fridays, Way of the cross in English at 3 p. m., in Portuguese at 7 p. m.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHAPEL, WAIKIKI.

(Rev. Fr. Valentin in charge.)

Sundays—9 a. m., mass with sermon in English.

Fridays—2:30 p. m., catechism class.

Lent—Way of the cross on Fridays at 7:30 p. m.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, KAIMUKI.

(Rev. Fr. Valentin.)

Sundays—6 a. m., mass; 10:30 a. m., mass with sermon; 7 p. m., benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Weekdays—Mass at 7 a. m. Wednesday, 2:30 p. m., catechism class.

During Lent—Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 4 p. m.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, KALIHUI-WAENA.

(Rev. Fr. Ulrich in charge.)

Sundays—8:30, mass with sermon, Monday mass 7 a. m., Thursdays, catechism class 2:30 p. m., Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross 3 p. m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL, MOANALUA.

(Rev. Fr. Ulrich in charge.)

Sundays—7 a. m., mass with sermon; Tuesdays, mass 7 a. m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, WILDER AVE., PUNAHOU.

(Rev. Fr. Stephen in charge.)

Sundays—7 a. m., mass with sermon in Portuguese; 9 a. m., mass with sermon in English and singing; Sunday

OFFICERS ANTI-SALOON EFFICIENT, SAYS DR. WADMAN

Dr. J. W. Wadman, superintendent of the local Anti-Saloon League, reports faithful work on the part of the assistants in the fight against the saloon. He writes:

"The league is enthusiastically entering upon the 14th year of its organization, and having recently enlarged its base of operation so as to include in its scope the entire territory, hope is entertained that its influence will be more effectively felt throughout the whole group of islands."

"Rev. D. C. Peters has filled the chair as president most effectively for two years past. He is re-elected for the ensuing year. George W. Peters, having served the league faithfully for the past four years, fills the position of